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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Evaluation of Coastal Zone Management Program and National Estuarine Research Reserves

AGENCY: Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), DOC.

ACTION: Notice of intent to evaluate.

SUMMARY: The NOAA Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM) announces its intent to evaluate the performance of Washington, Mississippi, and California Coastal Zone Management Programs and the Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve in Florida.

These evaluations will be conducted pursuant to section 312 of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (CZMA), as amended. The CZMA requires a continuing review of the performance of states with respect to coastal program implementation. Evaluation of Coastal Zone Management programs and National Estuarine Research Reserves requires findings concerning the extent to which a state has met the national objectives, adhered to its coastal program document or reserve management plan approved by the Secretary of Commerce, and adhered to the terms of financial assistance awards funded under the CZMA. The evaluations will include a site visit, consideration of public comments, and consultations with interested Federal, State, and local agencies and members of the public. Public meetings are held as part of the site visits.

Notice is hereby given of the dates of the site visits for the listed evaluations, and the dates, local times, and locations of public meetings during the site visits.

The Washington Coastal Zone Management Program site visit will be from November 18–22, 1996. A public meeting will be held on Thursday, November 21, 1996, at 7:00 P.M., at the Department of Ecology, 300 Desmond Drive, Olympia, WA.

The Mississippi Coastal Zone Management Program site visit will be from December 2–6, 1996. A public meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 4, 1996, at 7:00 P.M., at the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources, Conference Room, 152 Gateway Drive, Biloxi, Mississippi, 39531.

The Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve in Florida site visit will be from December 9–13, 1996. A public meeting will be on Wednesday, December 11, 1996, at 7:00 P.M., at the Rookery Bay Headquarters Building, 300 Tower Road, Main Meeting Room, Naples, Florida, 33962.

The California Coastal Management Program site visit will be from December 2–12, 1996. Public meetings will be held on Wednesday, December 4, 1996 from 5:00–7:00 p.m. at the Port Commission Room, Ferry Building, Suite 3100 at the foot of Market Street in San Francisco, California, and on Monday, December 9, 1996 from 5:00–7:00 p.m. at the Ventura City Hall, Community Meeting Room, 501 Poli Street, Ventura, California.

The States will issue notice of the public meeting(s) in a local newspaper(s) at least 45 days prior to the public meeting(s), and will issue other timely notices as appropriate.

Copies of the State's most recent performance reports, as well as OCRM's notifications and supplemental request letters to the States, are available upon request from OCRM. Written comments from interested parties regarding these Programs are encouraged and will be accepted until 15 days after the public meeting. Please direct written comments to Vickie A. Allin, Chief, Policy Coordination Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS/NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland, 20910. When the evaluation is completed, OCRM will place a notice in the Federal Register announcing the availability of the Final Evaluation Findings.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Vickie A. Allin, Chief, Policy Coordination Division, Office of Ocean

and Coastal Resource Management, NOS/NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland, 20910, (301) 713–3090, ext. 126.

Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog 11.419 Coastal Zone Management Program Administration.

Dated: October 16, 1996.

W. Stanley Wilson,

Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone.

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Incidental Take of Marine Mammals; Bottlenose Dolphins and Spotted Dolphins

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of issuance of letter of authorization.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) as amended, and implementing regulations, notification is hereby given that letters of authorization to take bottlenose and spotted dolphins incidental to oil and gas structure removal activities were issued on this date to Unocal Corporation, 4021–4023 Ambassador Caffery Parkway, Lafayette, Louisiana 70503 and to Burlington Resources, 400 N. Sam Houston Parkway, Houston, Texas 77060.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The letter of authorization is effective from October 11, 1996, through October 11, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The application and letter are available for review in the following offices: Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 and the Southeast Region, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive N, St. Petersburg, FL 33702.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kenneth R. Hollingshead, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, (301) 713–2055 or Charles Oravetz, Southeast Region (813) 570–5312.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 101(a)(5)(A) of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) directs NMFS to allow, on request, the incidental, but not intentional, taking of small numbers of marine mammals by U.S. citizens who